National Savings Organisation

†3903. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the National Savings Organisation was constituted and the purpose for constituting this Organisation;

(b) the year-wise administrative expenditure incurred by Government in respect of National Savings Orgainsation; and

(c) the year-wise and department-wise gross and net deposits of National Savings Organisation since its constitution till 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHAB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) National Saving Organisation (NSO) was constituted in 1948 with the objective of inculcating the habit of thrift and savings among the masses and for promoting small savings schemes of the Government of India.

(b) Administrative expenditure of NSO during the last 3 years was as under :

1997-98	:	Rs. 13.27 Crore
1998-99	:	Rs. 15.32 Crore
1999-2000	:	Rs. 17.29 Crore

(c) NSO is responsible for the promotion of small savings schemes of the Government of India but does not receive any deposit from the public. Therefore, the question of year-wise and department-wise gross and net deposits of NSO does not arise.

Repayment of NABARD loan by Rajasthan Government

3904. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given to Rajasthan to face drought and relief work ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rs. 150 crore loan taken by State from NABARD is to be paid by the State Government; and

(c) the details of additional help given to the State by Government?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.